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CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST

Community Outreach Committee

Wednesday, May 10, 2006

Stephen P. Clark Center

111 NW 1st Street

10th Floor Conference Room

2 p.m.

Summary of Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Linda Zilber, Chairperson

Miles Moss, P.E.

Angelberto "Angel" DeCoro

Hon. Anna E. Ward, Ph.D.

Marc A. Buoniconti

Maureen O'Donnell

Hon. James Reeder

ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY:

Maria Arista-Volsky

OTHERS PRESENT:

Nan A. Markowitz, OCITT

Patrice Rosemond, OCITT

Nya Lake, OCITT

Sandra Melean, PWD

Priyanshu Adathakkav, Citizen of Cutler Bay

Nestor Toledo, OCITT

Aimee Martinez, MDT

Maria Johnson, OCITT

Cheryl Clark, SFRTA

Erigene Belony, MDT

ROLL CALL

With a quorum present, Ms. Zilber called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Moss moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Reeder and carried without dissent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Moss moved to approve the minutes of March 2, 2006. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reeder and carried without dissent.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Aimee Martinez, Paratransit Manager, MDT Paratransit Operations, updated the Members on the Special Transportation Service (STS) advertisements. Ms. Martinez stated that MDT met with the County Attorney's Office (CAO) and was advised to draft an amendment to the STS contract to facilitate the contractor's ability to advertise on vehicles. Ms. Martinez further stated that a draft amendment has been written and is currently waiting for language approval from the CAO.

Ms. Sandra Melean, Administrative Officer 3, PWD, provided a report by David Tinder regarding the ability to use internal staff for traffic signals (report available upon request). Ms. Zilber asked if the PTP is charged for maintenance to the traffic signals. Ms. Melean responded that the PTP is not charged. Ms. Melean informed that the report previously requested by the Members regarding maintenance costs would be available for the July 11, 2006, Community Outreach Committee meeting. Mr. Moss suggested that the PWD hire employees that would exclusively install traffic signals and have the position funded through the PTP. Ms. Melean replied that she would follow-up on that inquiry and report the results to the Members. Mr. DeCoro asked how many traffic signal installation projects are not completed. Dr. Ward voiced her concern regarding traffic signals that need repair on 96th Street and Biscayne, and Northwest 22nd Avenue and 79th Street.

Ms. Patrice Rosemond, Community Outreach, OCITT, reviewed the Business Outreach Report (report distributed). Mr. Moss asked what departments provided information for the report. Ms. Rosemond replied that MDT, DBD, PWD, Office of Capital Improvement, and the Department of Procurement Management contributed information to the report. Mr. Buoniconti commented that more should be done to inform small businesses of upcoming County projects. Ms. O'Donnell asked if the small businesses could receive information on upcoming County projects prior to the start of the project. Ms. Rosemond stated that the procedures used to inform small business of County projects is included in the Public Involvement Plan (PIP). Dr. Ward requested that the information regarding providing small businesses with information on upcoming County projects be made available to the Members. Ms. Zilber requested that MDT Joint Development provide a presentation regarding Transit Oriented Development.

Ms. Rosemond updated the Members on the CITT's participation in the DBD conference. In addition, Ms. Rosemond informed the Members how the CITT could participate in the Annual CSBE Conference. For example, partnering with other agencies such as the Florida Department of Transportation and Miami-Dade Expressway Authority. Dr. Ward asked if the CITT had a travel budget and was it shared with the OCITT. The question was answered in the affirmative. Dr. Ward further stated that CITT Members should submit their interest in upcoming conferences in advance. It was also decided to add a proposed conference schedule and CITT travel budget discussion to the upcoming Community Outreach Committee meeting agenda. Ms. Rosemond distributed a copy of the May – June 2006, "CITT Insider" newsletter.

Mr. Wilson Fernandez, Transportation Systems Analyst, MPO, provided a brief description of the South Miami-Dade Transit Portal Alternative Analysis Study, also known as the South Link Study, a study of a three-phase expansion from the Dadeland South Metrorail Station to Florida City.

Ms. Rosemond mentioned that the City of Cutler Bay has invited CITT Members to its committee meetings. Mr. Buoniconti volunteered to speak at the next meeting.

Mr. Nestor Toledo, Municipal Liaison, OCITT, reported that notification has been sent to the municipalities informing them of the June 1, 2006, deadline for submitting the Five (5) Year Transportation Plans. In addition, Mr. Toledo provided an update regarding the request by Municipalities to the PWD on the subject of illuminated signs. Mr. Toledo stated that on March 30, 2006, the City of Coral Gables, the City of South Miami, University of Miami, and South Miami Hospital met to coordinate efforts for the trolley system. Mr. Toledo further informed that the City of Golden Beach, Aventura, Bay Harbor, Bal Harbor, Surfside, North Miami, North Miami Beach, Sunny Isles, and Miami-Dade County will be meeting on May 12, 2006, at the North Miami Beach City Hall to discuss a circulator service that is not redundant and is in coordination with Miami-Dade Transit's system. Mr. Toledo commented on the upcoming Municipal Workshop which will be held on June 23, 2006, at the Museum of Art, across from the Stephen P. Clark Center.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Mr. Priyanshu Adathakkav, United Citizens' for South Link, voiced his concerns regarding the priority of the South Link Project. Mr. Adathakkav informed the Members that the project is currently at a priority 4 level, and he would like to have the project moved to a higher priority. Mr. Adathakkav was informed that the MPO and the BCC prioritize projects, not the CITT.

NEW BUSINESS

The County Attorney's draft of the Ordinance language was deferred to an upcoming Community Outreach Committee meeting. Dr. Ward recommended that the Ordinance be presented to the BCC during a public meeting and prior to being placed on the agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Maria Johnson, Manager, Project Review and Financial Analysis, OCITT, announced that the item regarding the five (5) percent administrative cost was deferred at the May 9, 2006, BCC meeting for further definition of administrative costs.

Ms. Johnson distributed a picture and description of the plaque that will be erected in memory of The Honorable John Cosgrove.

Mr. Moss moved that a plaque be created with pictures of the CITT's former Chairpersons. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reeder and carried without dissent.

The Community Outreach Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 11, 2006, at 2 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business of the Community Outreach Committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

MINUTES ARE IN SUMMARY FORM

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